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READING

Directions: Read each passage and choose the best answer.

COOKING DIRECTIONS FOR RICE

1. Bring 2 1/2 cups water to a boil.
2. Stir in 1 cup rice, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1 tablespoon butter or margarine.
3. Cover pan and simmer on low heat for 20 minutes.
4. Remove from heat. Keep covered and let stand until all water is absorbed (about 5 minutes).

(Makes 3-4 cups cooked rice or 5-6 2/3 cup servings).

1. According to the directions, how much heat do you use to cook the rice?

   a. Low heat so it simmers
   b. Medium heat so it simmers
   c. Full heat so it boils
   d. Remove from heat so it can absorb water

2. According to the directions, what do you do after cooking the rice for 20 minutes?

   a. Add 1 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon butter or margarine.
   b. Boil 2 1/2 cups water.
   c. Cover pan and simmer rice on low heat.
   d. Remove from heat and let stand for about 5 minutes.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

Mr. Thompson wants to get a check cashing card so he can write checks at his neighborhood grocery store. He must fill out his application.

Name (1) Phone (2)

Address (3)

Employer's Name (4)

Monthly Salary (5) Length of Employment (6)

Checking Account (Bank Name) (7)

3. What should be written in space 5?

   a. 436-6543
   b. $960.00
   c. 3 1/2 years
   d. 413 First Street

AREA CODES FOR SOME CITIES

VERMONT		WASHINGTON (continued)	
all locations	802	Olympia	206
VIRGINIA		Pasco	509
Charlottesville	804	Port Angeles	206
Covington	703	Pullman	509
Leesburg	703	Richland	509
Lynchburg	804	Seattle	206
Newport News	804	Spokane	206
Norfolk	804	Tacoma	206
Roanoke	703	Vancouver	206
WASHINGTON		Walla Walla	509
Bellingham	206	Wenatchee	509
Bremerton	206	Yakima	509
Centralia	206	WEST VIRGINIA	
Everett	206	all locations	304
Longview	206		
Mount Vernon	206		

4. Jenny wants to call her cousin who lives in Spokane, Washington. She knows the telephone number but has to look up the area code. What is Spokane's area code?

   a. 206
   b. 304
   c. 506
   d. 509

The jaguar, one of the boldest and most dangerous hunters in America, is also the hunted. Men hunt the jaguar because of its magnificent spotted fur coat.

The jaguar once lived as far north as the Southwestern United States, but today is found only in the tropical forests of Central and South America. There he hunts deer, tapir, and even alligator.

The jaguar is an excellent swimmer and fish form a regular part of his diet. Like other members of the cat family, he catches fish by scooping the water with his paw, although some people believe he uses his tail as bait.

FACT/DETAILS

5. Today, the jaguar lives:

   a. As far north as the Southwestern United States
   b. Throughout all of South America
   c. In tropical forests throughout the world
   d. In tropical forests in Central and South America

CAUSE/EFFECT

6. According to this information, why is the jaguar hunted?

   a. Because of its fur coat
   b. Because it kills deer
   c. Because it is bold and dangerous
   d. Because it kills livestock

Some people think that giving directions is very simple. However, it's simple only if the person getting the directions already knows something about the subject. For example, suppose you were teaching someone how to drive and said, "Put the key in the ignition." If your friend didn't know what or where the ignition was, he couldn't follow your direction. Or, suppose that you're cooking and the recipe says, "Bring to a rolling boil." If you don't already know what a rolling boil is or take the time to look it up, your jam may be ruined.

MAIN IDEA

7. What is the main thing the author wants to show in this paragraph?

   a. That you must explain unfamiliar words when you give directions
   b. That some people think giving directions is simple
   c. That teaching someone how to drive is hard
   d. That people must already know about the subject before they can follow directions

Chris Walker
Manager, Hobby Book Club

Dear Mr. Walker:

Three months ago I joined your book club. I followed the instructions on the application form and checked my interests as Sports and Gardening. A week later I received the promised two free books, but they were on antique cars and doll making. I sent them both back and asked for books in my interest areas.

Last month I received a book on animal care. I returned that book and wrote a letter explaining that I wanted books on sports and gardening. Your company did not answer my letter.

Today I received four books on building model airplanes. I am returning the four books, and would like you to cancel my subscription immediately.

Sincerely,

Joanna Mathews

SEQUENCE

8. What did Joanna do right after she returned the book on animal care?

   a. Received books on antique cars and doll making
   b. Wrote a letter cancelling her subscription
   c. Wrote a letter explaining what kind of books she wanted
   d. Received four books on building model airplanes

CONCLUSIONS

9. Joanna's main complaint with the company was that

   a. The books didn't come on time.
   b. The company didn't answer her letters.
   c. The books cost too much.
   d. The books weren't in her interest areas.

10. Where would you look to find the meaning of persevere?

   a. in the index
   b. in a dictionary
   c. in an encyclopedia
   d. in an atlas

11. Where would you look to find the names of Idaho's rivers?

   a. in a dictionary
   b. in an atlas
   c. in a glossary
   d. in a table of contents

Tuesday was an unlucky day for Mark Cowell of Mountain Home. According to the sheriff's office, Mark was riding his motorcycle in the hills near Ketchum. A deer bounded in front of his Yamaha and Mark hit a tree when he swerved to miss it.

Mark's brothers, Craig and Jerry, loaded him into a jeep to take him to a doctor, but, less than a mile down the canyon, they hit a sharp rock and the jeep overturned. All three were forced to walk into Ketchum, where they were treated for various injuries.

12. The underlined word it refers to:

    a. the motorcycle
    b. the tree
    c. the jeep
    d. the deer

PUNCTUATION

13. The underlined word him refers to:

    a. Mark
    b. Jerry
    c. the deer
    d. the motorcycle

MAIN IDEA

BRIDGE THE MILES WITH A FRIENDSHIP CARD

How long has it been since your friends and loved ones have heard from you? If you haven't written this week, it's time to send a Friendship Card.

Friendship Cards are available at your local variety and drug stores.

14. What is the main thing this ad wants you to do?

a. Write a letter to your friends and loved ones.
b. Call your friends and loved ones.
c. Buy Friendship Cards.
d. Buy any kind of greeting card.

Read these four Help Wanted ads. Then answer the questions based only on the information in the ads.

OFFICE MANAGER For large engineering company. Bookkeeper with experience in computers and taxes. $1000 monthly. Call Opportunities Employment Agency, 355-4279.

OFFICE TRAINEE, no typing. Good beginning job. $485 monthly. Contact Personnel Plus, 357-8822.

PLANNER for five county area. Minimum qualifications: College degree in public administration plus three years full time professional employment. $1026-1330 monthly. Send resume to Five County Government Council, P. O. Box 777, Boise, Idaho.

PLANT SPECIALIST to work for Plants Galore. 16 hours a week. Some experience with tropical plants necessary. $280 monthly. Apply in person between 9 and 11 a.m.

15. Which position offers the best salary?

a. Office manager
b. Office trainee
c. Planner
d. Plant specialist

16. Which position requires a college degree?

a. Office manager
b. Office trainee
c. Planner
d. Plant specialist

17. Which job requires no previous experience?

a. Office manager
b. Office trainee
c. Planner
d. Plant specialist

CLASSIFYING

PARTS OF A BOOK

WORDS IN CONTEXT

	Page
Appetizers and Beverages	10
Breads	42
Cakes and Frostings	84
Cookies and Candies	132
Eggs, Cheese, Rice and Pasta	170
Meats, Fish and Poultry	202
Pies	288
Salads	314
Soups and Sandwiches	336
Vegetables	388

18. In which section of this cookbook would you look to find different recipes using hamburger?

    a. Pages 10-41
    b. Pages 170-201
    c. Pages 202-287
    d. Pages 336-387

19. This part of a book is known as

    a. an index.
    b. a glossary.
    c. a preface.
    d. a table of contents.

The underlined word in each sentence may be unfamiliar. Choose the answer which best tells what the underlined word means.

20. Climbing the mountain was so <u>grueling</u> that Connie was afraid she wouldn't have enough energy to get down.

    a. tiring
    b. scary
    c. fun
    d. exciting

21. Melanie carefully planned which races she would enter, while her twin Melissa <u>impetuously</u> offered to participate in all of them.

    a. eagerly
    b. generously
    c. immediately
    d. impulsively

Bee sting, see Bites, insect
Berries, 334-35
    see also, Poisoning, prevention
Bites
    animal, 580-81
    insect, 537-38
Bleach poisoning, 592-93
Bleeding
    cuts, 582-83
    nosebleeds, 583-84
Blisters
    from burning and chafing, 584-85
    in chicken pox, 543-44
    on lips, 242
Blood poisoning, 586
Blueness
    in breath-holding, 247
    mottled skin, 240

22. If you needed information on treating a bee sting, what pages would you turn to?

    a. 334-35
    b. 537-38
    c. 580-81
    d. 584-85

23. This part of a book is known as
    a. an index.
    b. a glossary.
    c. a preface.
    d. a table of contents.

24. Read the following sentences and choose the one which is probably a <u>fact</u>, not an opinion.

    a. Sunny soap gets clothes cleaner than any other detergent.
    b. American children attend school for more years now than did children 100 years ago.
    c. Snakes are ugly.
    d. Athletes are good leaders.

FACT AND OPINION

WRITING

DIRECTIONS:

This writing test gives you a chance to show how well you can write. In responding to the questions, please follow these guidelines:

1. Think carefully about the questions and everything you might say about them. How well you develop the answer and do what is asked will count.

2. Stay within margins. Use correct capitalization, indentation, punctuation, and spelling. Write as legibly as you can. Neatness will count in the scoring.

3. You will be given a choice of topics. Write on only one of the topics given. Pick the one you feel you can do the best job with.

4. If you wish to write notes, an outline, or a rough draft, scratch paper is provided. However, this is not required. Feel free to copy your writing over if you want to.

5. There is no set length for this paper. Say as much as you can about the subject without repeating yourself or wandering from the subject.

6. You may use a dictionary if you wish.

Here are the topics for your writing assignment. Write on only one of the topics. Choose the one you feel you can do the best job with. Write your letter on the printed form that is provided.

1. Imagine that you have the opportunity to apply for a summer job. The job might be working at McDonald's, a record store, a gas station, or some other job you have always wanted.

   Write a letter to the person in charge to apply for the job. Be sure to think of the main things a person working at this job would have to do. Then write why you would be good at it.

2. Imagine your school is having a contest to find the friendliest student in the school. Think of someone you feel deserves this award. Write a letter to the judges about your selection. Be sure to include examples of how this person is a good friend. For instance, this person may help you with problems or cheer you up when you are sad. Try to give convincing reasons why your choice should be selected as friendliest student in the school.

3. Imagine that you have something that you want to sell--a bicycle, a game, a dog or cat, a record player, a book, or some other object. Someone is interested in buying this, but he or she doesn't have a phone.

   Write a letter to this person in which you describe what you are selling. Be sure to tell what the thing is like. Remember that you want the person to buy this thing.

2025 Lincoln Boulevard
Centerville, Idaho 83751
October 28, 1978

Dear _____,

Sincerely,
J. Brown

SPELLING

Directions: Choose the word that is NOT spelled correctly.

1. a. writing
   b. becuase
   c. coming
   d. where

2. a. against
   b. days
   c. lovly
   d. stayed

3. a. driving
   b. shiping
   c. giving
   d. stopping

4. a. likely
   b. funniest
   c. heavyer
   d. dollars

5. a. friends
   b. enjoyed
   c. anything
   d. wheather

6. a. dollars
   b. countries
   c. untill
   d. inches

7. a. montains
   b. clothes
   c. hundred
   d. living

8. a. king
   b. years
   c. halfs
   d. books

9. a. suny
   b. horse
   c. does
   d. often

10. a. toys
    b. hopefully
    c. thier
    d. dried

MATH

Directions: Work each problem and choose the correct answer.

1. Which of the choices below is true?

   a. $\frac{3}{9} = \frac{2}{12}$

   b. $\frac{3}{24} = \frac{2}{18}$

   c. $\frac{5}{30} = \frac{4}{24}$

   d. $\frac{3}{12} = \frac{6}{30}$

2. 16.7% is the same as

   a. 167

   b. 16.7

   c. .0167

   d. .167

3. $\frac{21}{50}$ is the same as

   a. .21

   b. .42

   c. .042

   d. 42

4. 423 + 6,749 + 855 =

   a. 8,027

   b. 8,037

   c. 7,927

   d. 8,127

5. $\begin{array}{r} 7092 \\ -\ 635 \\ \hline \end{array}$

   a. 6359

   b. 6369

   c. 6457

   d. 7457

6. $\begin{array}{r} 619 \\ \times\ 27 \\ \hline \end{array}$

   a. 5571

   b. 16,613

   c. 16,706

   d. 16,713

7. $32\overline{)7927}$

a. $207\ \frac{15}{32}$

b. $246\ \frac{15}{32}$

c. $247\ \frac{3}{32}$

d. $247\ \frac{23}{32}$

8. $49.06 + 6.17 + 78.4$

a. 123.63

b. 133.53

c. 133.63

d. 134.53

9. $41.3 - 5.12$

a. 35.18

b. 35.22

c. 35.28

d. 45.22

10. $\begin{array}{r} 9.43 \\ \times\ 1.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$

a. 1.7917

b. 17.917

c. 179.17

d. 17,917

11. $129 \div 1.5$

a. .086

b. .86

c. 8.6

d. 86

12. $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{8}$

a. $\frac{3}{40}$

b. $\frac{4}{13}$

c. $\frac{29}{40}$

d. $\frac{4}{40}$

13. $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} =$

a. $\frac{4}{14}$

b. $\frac{8}{7}$

c. $\frac{5}{14}$

d. $\frac{5}{9}$

14. When measuring the weight of a truck, what would be the best unit of measure?

a. liter

b. kilogram

c. centimeter

d. meter

15. On a set of plans for building a doghouse, the scale says 1 inch = 2 feet. If the plan shows the doghouse as $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, how tall will the finished doghouse be?

a. $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet

b. 2 feet

c. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet

d. 3 feet

16. How long is a sidewalk that measures 7 yards?

a. 7 feet

b. 14 feet

c. 21 feet

d. 84 feet

17. This figure is a

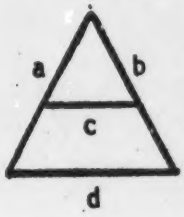
a. rectangle

b. parallelogram

c. circle

d. triangle

18. Based on this figure, which of these statements appears to be true?



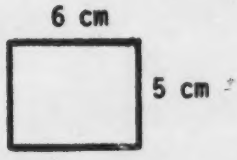
a. a is parallel to b

b. b is parallel to d

c. a is parallel to c

d. c is parallel to d

19. What is the perimeter of this rectangle?



a. 11 cm.

b. 30 cm.

c. 17 cm.

d. 22 cm.

20. There are 24 fish sticks in a package. If the fish sticks are divided equally among six people, how many will each person get?

a. 4

b. 6

c. 30

d. 144

21. Madison High School has 650 students enrolled. Taylor High School has 700 enrolled. How many more students are enrolled in Taylor High School?

a. 50

b. 150

c. 500

d. 1350

22. For a fresh fruit salad, David bought one pound of these 4 fruits:

Cantaloupe - 34¢ a pound
Grapes - 84¢ a pound
Watermelon - 17¢ a pound
Bananas - 29¢ a pound

What was the average price of the fruit per pound?

a. $ .40

b. $ .41

c. $1.60

d. $1.64

23. Mr. Santos had 36 calves. He promised to give Georgia $\frac{1}{3}$ of the herd when she graduates from high school. How many calves will Georgia get?

a. 3

b. 12

c. 33

d. 108

24. There are 2000 voters in Mudtown. If 52% of them vote, how many people will vote?

a. 52

b. 104

c. 1000

d. 1040

25. If a room is 14 feet long and 10 feet wide, how many square feet of carpet will cover the floor?

a. 24 square feet

b. 48 square feet

c. 140 square feet

d. 280 square feet

26. If a two-pound jar of peanut butter lasts the Taylor family 8 days, how long will a six-pound jar last?

a. 4 days

b. 14 days

c. 24 days

d. 48 days

27. Antonio started work at 2:45 p.m. and worked $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. What time did he get off work?

a. 4:15 p.m.

b. 4:45 p.m.

c. 5:15 p.m.

d. 5:45 p.m.

28. Pat works in Mrs. Heinrich's yard every Tuesday for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. She pays him $1.20 an hour. How much does he make each Tuesday?

a. $3.60

b. $3.80

c. $4.20

d. $4.60

29. Jeremy bought a hamburger for $.89, french fries for $.35 and a strawberry milkshake for $.50. How much change did he receive from a $20.00 bill?

a. $ 8.26

b. $17.36

c. $18.26

d. $18.36

30. In 1977, John was $65\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. During the year he grew $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches. How tall is John now?

a. $67\frac{6}{10}$ inches

b. $67\frac{3}{4}$ inches

c. $68\frac{1}{4}$ inches

d. $68\frac{1}{8}$ inches

31. In the equation, $x = ab$, if $x = 18$, and $b = 2$, what is the value of a?

a. 9

b. 16

c. 20

d. 36

32.

								BALANCE	
	10/13	DEPOSIT (Paycheck)					530.96	133	56
124	10/15	HOLIDAY INN	22	00					

This is a page from Ms. Hooper's checking account record. What is Ms. Hooper's balance after making her deposit and writing the check for her room?

a. 725.46

b. 858.96

c. 992.46

d. 1014.46